

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Bruce Tockman et al.

Examiner: Jeffrey R. Jastrzab

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LEAD HAVING VARYING STIFFNESS AND METHOD OF

MANUFACTURING THEREOF

PETITION FOR A FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a four-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed September 22, 2000, said period of response being extended from November 22, 2000 to March 22, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$1,360.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.

Please charge the extra \$30.00 for the extension of time to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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